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SUBJ: LOS: MEETING OF NEGOTIATING GROUP IV OF COMMITTEE II
(STRAITS), A.M., 15 SEPTEMBER

1. NEGOTIATING GROUP IV HELD ITS LAST MEETING WITH
SUPPORTERS OF RSNT TAKING THE LEAD. FRG, JAPAN, AFGHANISTAN,
DENMARK, NORWAY, SWEDEN, BULGARIA, USSR, FRANCE, UK, UAE,
KUWAIT, BAHRAIN AND US SPOKE IN FAVOR OF RSNT TEXT.

2. USSR AND BULGARIA GAVE A BOW TO MALAYSIAN AMENDMENTS,
ENCOURAGING INTERSESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS(POINTED AT BOTH
MALAYSIA AND SPAIN). ISRAEL TABLED A PRIOR ORAL AMEND-
MENT TO AMEND ARTICLE 36 TO READ QUOTE THIS SECTION
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NAVIGATION UNQUOTE, AND A NEW PROPOSAL TO ADD A NEW

ARTICLE 130 BIS READING QUOTE TRANSIT PASSAGE AS DEFINED IN CHAPTER II OF THIS PART SHALL BE APPLICABLE TO PASSAGE OF SHIPS AND OF AIRCRAFT THROUGH OR OVER THE OUTLETS OF SEMI-ENCLOSED SEAS UNQUOTE. BAHRAIN PROPOSED CHANGING REFERENCE IN LATTER FROM CHAPTER II TO ARTICLE 36. FRANCE PROPOSED AMENDING ARTICLE 39-3 TO READ QUOTE SEA LANES AND TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEMES SHALL CONFORM TO THE INTERNATIONAL PRACTICES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES GENERALLY ACCEPTED WHICH ARE REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 38 UNQUOTE.

3. ON THE OTHER SIDE, SPAIN, INDONESIA AND MALAYSIA EXPRESSED DISPLEASURE THAT A SMALLER CONSULTATIVE GROUP HAD NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED ON THIS SUBJECT. SPAIN INDICATED THAT SUBMERGED TRANSIT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE IF INTERESTS OF STRAITS STATES COULD BE ACCOMMODATED ON THE GENERAL BASIS OF MALAYSIAN AMENDMENTS. PAKISTAN, EGYPT AND SPAIN ARGUED FOR INNOCENT PASSAGE IN STRAITS. CHINA REPEATED POSITIONS ON WARSHIP DISTINCTION AND OVERFLIGHT. INDONESIA AGAIN OBSERVED THAT INTERESTS OF STRAITS STATES NOT ADEQUATELY TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT, CONCLUDING THAT IT IS PREMATURE TO ASSUME RSNT IS A FINAL TEXT.

4. FRG MADE AN UNHELPFUL BUT APPARENTLY UNNOTICED, (AS TO ITS IMPLICATIONS,) PROPOSAL TO AMEND ARTICLE 38-3(A) BY REPLACING THE WORDS QUOTE RULES OF THE AIR UNQUOTE WITH QUOTE CHICAGO CONVENTION AND ITS ANNEXES UNQUOTE. (COMMENT: DISCUSSION AFTERWARDS WITH U.S. DEL OFF REVEALED THAT THIS PROPOSAL WAS INTENDED TO ACCOMPLISH PRECISELY WHAT IT WOULD ACCOMPLISH, AND WAS MADE AT BEHEST OF FRG REP TO ICAO, CITING INTEREST IN SAFETY OF CIVIL AVIATION).
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